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LETTER DATED 8 APRIL 1993 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I should like to report to the Security Council on recent events concerning the situation in Rwanda between the Government and the Rwandese Patriotic Front. The Council will recall that on 3 March it received letters from the Permanent Representatives of Rwanda (S/25355) and Uganda (S/25356) which requested the deployment of United Nations observers on the border. On 4 March the Permanent Representative of Rwanda requested an urgent meeting of the Security Council (S/25363); the Permanent Representative of France joined in this request on the same day (S/25371). The Security Council accordingly met on 12 March 1993 and adopted resolution 812 (1993). This resolution welcomed the goodwill mission which I had already sent to Rwanda and asked me to examine the two requests for the deployment of observers.

The goodwill mission has visited the countries concerned and is now observing the current peace talks in Arusha. I shall report to the Council on the mission's findings following these talks.

However, there are now disturbing reports that the Arusha discussions are at an impasse. As a result, there are fears that fighting may resume.

I wish to inform the Security Council that in these circumstances I have decided to strengthen the goodwill mission by the addition of three military advisers. I have also asked the goodwill mission to report promptly with their assistance. I will advise the Council further accordingly.

(Signed) Boutros BOUTROS-GHALI

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